

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Public Hearing Scheduled For Area Wheat Changes

By N. C. ANDERSON

The USDA has scheduled a series of public hearings throughout the nation to consider changes in official U. S. standards for wheat. In this area, hearings are scheduled for October 8 in Portland in the Federal Building, 1001 N. E. Lloyd Blvd.

These hearings are scheduled after a two-year review with groups and organizations of wheat producers, processors, handlers, exporters, state departments of agriculture and other state agencies, and state and commercial inspection agencies. Proponents of the revised standards say they are needed to adjust to advancements in production and handling practices, and to improve the competitive position of U. S. wheat in foreign markets.

Contracting on feeder cattle for delivery as late as November became very active last week in Oregon. Around 10,000 mostly choice calves weighing 400 to 460 pounds sold in the range of \$26 to \$28 on steers and \$24 to \$26 on heifers. These prices are comparable to numerous sales reported in the west.

In Morrow county contract prices I have heard of are comparable to these.

Yields and quality of Brevor wheat grown in Morrow county this year is reported good. Even though several seeded Brevor in the fall of 1961, something happened to the seed and little was seeded this past fall. There was quite a demand for seed in the fall of 1961, because this variety has been one of the good ones to resist striped leaf rust. With the small infection of rust in the 1962 crop, many went back to their favorite variety.

While generally speaking, rust infection was not too bad this

past growing season, some ranchers feel they were hurt quite badly. This comes mainly from those who seeded Omar quite early last fall. Many say they are going to quit Omar completely. While many are talking of substituting Golden for Omar, some should consider Brevor. Brevor is a white chaffed, soft white winter wheat, having a beardless common oblong shape head. The straw is white, short to medium in height, stiff and highly resistant to lodging. Brevor is resistant to shattering and is sometimes hard to thresh. It is a high yielding variety in areas of high rainfall and high soil fertility. I think that it could replace Omar in many of our better sites, maintaining yield, and protecting ranchers from loss from striped rust, in case we have infections as in 1961 and 1963.

While there are undoubtedly others growing Brevor, Delbert Emert, Ione, is one source of seed. He has approximately 14,000 bushels stored from production this year, which he reports as a 40 bushel crop.

The Oregon State Rural Areas Development Committee, at its May meeting, sent a resolution to Secretary Freeman asking him to "make every reasonable effort to assure equity of opportunity for the grain feeding industry of this region."

The action came after the committee heard Jim Hill, manager of Pendleton Grain Growers, describe the situation on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Grain and Livestock Council. He told the committee that grain feeders in the Pacific Northwest are at a serious disadvantage because of higher prices here than in the Midwest. The administration of government programs have increased the price spread between the two areas.

The committees pointed out in its resolution that livestock and poultry feeding industries are a "vital and integral part of the economy of the state of Oregon" and that the state has historically produced an abundance of grain for food and feed.

However, the development of the grain feeding industries "is being retarded by the inequitable grain price relationship between this and other grain feeding areas of the nation," they stated adding grain price levels and relationships are subject to moderation and are largely manageable by the programs administered by the USDA.

The committee also pointed out that a substantial part of Oregon's grain and forage "should be marketed in the form of livestock and poultry products to assist in supplying the growing population of the Pacific Coast."

Oregon State University economists, studying beef cattle feeding alone, recently estimated that beef cattle feeding could generate \$250 million annually in local economic activity if the state's potential grain resources were "marketed" through finished beef. Beef cattle feeding now generates about \$53 million annually in local economic activity.

World Without Pesticides Would Raise Food Costs

Today, about one dollar out of every five you earn, if you have an average income, is all you need to feed your family. One of the reasons this is true is because of pesticides and their contribution to our abundant supply of nutritious foods. But what if there were no pesticides? U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said recently that without pesticides, the cost for food for an average income family could easily reach one dollar out of every three earned.

Picture what would happen without pesticides. The commercial production of such vegetables as corn, tomatoes and lima beans would be drastically reduced. Winter supplies of fresh vegetables, grown in the farmer areas of our country, would not be commercially profitable. Commercial apple production would end. Peaches and cherries in our markets would almost disappear. Grapes, cranberries, raspberries, strawberries and citrus fruit—commercial production of these valuable fruits would also be impaired.

And that's not all. Our total supplies of meat and milk would be much smaller. The production of eggs, chicken and other poultry in the southern part of our nation would be unprofitable. Economic production of beef in the South would be virtually impossible.

Spillage, insect damage and quality deterioration would play havoc with our system of commercial storage, processing and distribution of food and fiber products. Supplies would diminish and costs to the consumer would rise. Present standards of sanitation, quality and wholesomeness . . . so important to our well-being would be meaningless. Micro-biological spoilage would be a serious problem in milk, poultry and other perishables without chemical sanitizing agents.

These are some of the potential consequences of a world without pesticides . . . consequences our nation could ill afford to suffer.

Chats With Your Home Agent

New Varieties Of Beans In Oregon Gain Popularity

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Got a call the other day from Mrs. Fannie Griffith, Ione, about green beans—did I like them better canned or frozen.

This is a sort of "six-of-one" and a "half-a-dozen-of-the-other" type of a question. It really depends on the variety of bean. Some freeze well and others do not.

The OSU bulletin on "Freezing Fruits and Vegetables" recommends such varieties as Blue Lake strains, Tendergreen, Refugee, Stringless Green Pod, and several other as being good for freezing. Other varieties are faster, if canned.

Zelma Neugart and Velma Seat, OSU food marketing specialists, wrote this about beans in their last weekly "Spotlight" letter.

Growers report the largest acreage ever planted to snap beans in Oregon.

Our state has long been the nation's leading producer of snap beans, and is famous for the Blue Lake variety which grows especially well in this climate. All over the United States people enjoy these beans either canned or frozen.

Oregon's newest snap bean is the Romano or Italian green bean. This is the fourth year this interesting wide flat bean has been grown commercially in Oregon, and it is steadily gaining popularity. At the present time only Romano pole beans are being grown, but experimental work on Romano bush beans is being done at Oregon State University's vegetable research farm.

Oregon is the main producer of Romano beans, most of which are processed. The Willamette Valley is the main production area. In addition to the valley beans, there is considerable acreage in the Roseburg area—planted in an effort to get earlier production from this warmer location.

Season: We enjoy Oregon's canned and frozen beans year around, but July, August, and September bring the biggest supply of fresh beans from near-by growing areas. Local supply usually lasts until the first killing frost.

Selection: Top quality snap beans are bright, clean, and fresh in appearance. Firm, crisp beans that break with a snap are the ones to buy. Seeds should be immature. Beware of beans that are dull in appearance or are wilted.

Food Value: Snap beans contribute color, variety, and texture for meals. They are low in calories and provide some iron, thiamine, riboflavin, and vitamins A & C.

Car and Preparation: As soon as beans are brought home from the market or picked from the garden, they should be stored tightly covered in the refrigerator. If washed before storing, remove excess moisture, as wet beans do not keep well. For best eating, use as soon as possible. Cook fresh snap beans 15 to 25 minutes in a small amount of boiling, salted water. Snap beans combine well with chopped crisp bacon, slivered toasted almonds, cheese sauce, mushrooms, or diced ham. Chilled cooked snap beans are excellent in salads.

Here's a recipe they recommend using beans:

SPANISH GREEN BEANS
(Serves 4)
5 or 6 very thin slices bacon, cut in small pieces
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 1/2 cup cooked green beans, or 1 1-pound can fresh beans
1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
Salt and Pepper to taste
1/3 cup buttered fine bread crumbs
1/2 cup chopped celery
Fry bacon, onion and celery together until bacon is cooked and vegetables are nicely brown-

ed. Add green beans, tomato sauce, salt, and pepper; mix well. Turn into a greased casserole, top with buttered bread crumbs, and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for about 25 minutes. This recipe is also good prepared with Romano beans.

State Style Show Chooses 'Fashion Photos' Theme

"Fashion Photos" will be the theme for the 4-H Club Style Revue at the 1963 Oregon State Fair when 4-H club members model their own creations in three performances for the public.

The style shows will continue the pattern set last year, reports Miss Ruth Brasher, Oregon State University state 4-H agent. Intermediate and senior girls again will have their own shows. Each showing will be held in the auditorium of the 4-H-FFA building on the Salem fairgrounds.

Intermediate girls, ages 12 through 14, will take the spotlight Saturday, August 28, at 2:30 p.m. Senior girls, those 15 and older, will model for the public twice on Sunday, August 29, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Margaret Black, Salem, will be the organizer for all showings.

Also as last year, participants in the style revue will judge themselves, Miss Brasher said. This change was made to strengthen the learning experience of participants in observing clothing construction and deepening their understanding of selection of a complete costume, she explained.

Several blue ribbon winners are selected in each group by the girls themselves. The style revue champion, chosen from the senior blue ribbon group on the basis of her total 4-H club record, will receive a trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

More clothing exhibits than ever before are expected to be shown during the 1963 State Fair as enrollment in 4-H clothing projects continues to increase, Miss Brasher said. State Fair traditionally concludes the 4-H club year during which members learned new skills and techniques to add economical, attractive costumes to their wardrobes.

Examples of 4-H club work in six clothing divisions will be on display in the 4-H-FFA building throughout the fair. These range from simple skirts and aprons to party dress, wool coats and suits created by 4-H members ranging in age from 10 to 19.

Two clothing classes for boys, beginning and advanced bachelor sewing, will also be shown. In the first, boys will display a chef's apron plus a duffel, laundry or shoe bag which they have made. The advanced class features other articles of clothing, such as shirts.

Seven divisions of knitting, the fastest growing 4-H home economics program in Oregon, will also be on display during the fair. Articles exhibited will range from slippers and caps up through fancy ski sweaters, dresses and coats.

Oregon 4-H club members also will have a chance to test their judging skills in both clothing and knitting judging contests. The clothing contest will start Labor Day morning and knitting judging will be held that afternoon.

In the clothing judging con-

Need is Sounded For Ag Peace Corps Volunteers

India and Pakistan have asked the Peace Corps for 88 more volunteers trained in agricultural skills, county agent Joe Hay has announced.

Training will begin next September for 30 poultry specialists and 25 dairy husbandmen requested by India and for 22 agricultural extension workers, 6 farm mechanics and 5 vocational agriculture teachers to work in Pakistan, Hay said.

The Peace Corps already has 160 volunteers on the job in India and 205 in Pakistan. The call for additional workers reflects the need for trained agriculture personnel to help increase food and fiber production in these and many other developing nations, Hay pointed out.

The Indian request for more poultry specialists grew out of a pilot program started by four Peace Corps volunteers who developed a new, cheap feed from easily accessible local materials, upgraded the stock, wrote a handbook on poultry management in the Punjabi language and streamlined processing and marketing procedures. So successful was their program that the Indian government now plans with Peace Corps help, to launch similar projects in other parts of the nation.

In addition to the poultry projects, volunteers skilled in dairy husbandry will help Indian farmers improve their methods of breeding, feeding and managing dairy stock and the processing and marketing of dairy products.

In Pakistan, Peace Corps volunteers will work to improve methods of irrigation, machinery maintenance, marketing, plant protection and soil conservation at the village level. They will be working through experimental stations, workshops and agricultural training schools.

The agriculture and rural community action programs in Pakistan are being developed jointly by the Peace Corps, the Future Farmers of America in cooperation with the Pakistan Department of Agriculture and the Co-operative Development Board. The overseas staffs of FFA and NFA will share with the Peace

Corps volunteers. Participants will judge four or more classes of clothing on construction and selection of materials, bindings, colors, tools and patterns and then write out their reasons for the placings of one or more classes.

Club members in the knitting judging contest will write down their reasons for placings in one or more of the four knitting classes they will judge. They will be asked to place exhibits on the basis of workmanship and selection of materials, tools and patterns.

Jim Thomson returned Sunday from a week's vacation with his daughter, Bernice, who is employed in Portland, and with another daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walters, Canoga Park, Calif. He enjoyed a first visit with his grandson, six months old Russell Walters.

Corps the logistical and technical support required for the work of the volunteers, Hay was advised.

Applications and information on these and other projects may be obtained from County Agent Hay in his office at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building, Heppner, or by writing to Jim Gibson, Division of Agricultural Affairs, Washington 25, D. C.

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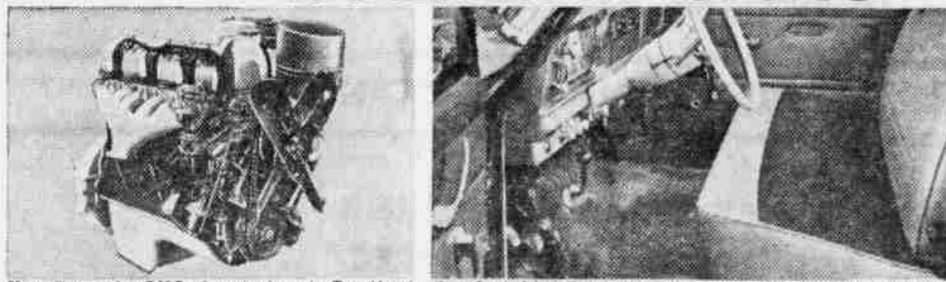
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